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bridges across the canals referred to caused much inconvenience to the poor ryots who had to come to these markets to sell their agricultural products. The canals were each about 15 ft. in breadth and a sum of Rs. 2,000 would suffice for constructing the bridges. He requested that the Government would kindly order the construction of those bridges at an early date, as the small outlay thereon would benefit a large number of people.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

**96. *Water supply to the Neyyattinkara taluk.***

*Mr. Kanakku Marthandan Raman* (Member, Neyyattinkara Taluk) said that it was in view to avoid the grant of annual remissions of tax, which amounted to a large figure in the five taluks of the Padmanabhapuram Division and the Neyyattinkara taluk, that the Government started the Kodayar Project Scheme. It had now been completed, but the Neyyattinkara taluk received no benefit from it. When the Dewan was recently in Neyyattinkara, he had, in reply to the representations of the ryots, said that steps might possibly be taken to divert water from the Kodayar channels to the taluk. The Member requested the earnest attention of the Government to the matter. He said that about 17,000 acres of land would be benefited by the channel, if cut, and that a sum of Rs. 17,000 would be assured to the Government on account of water cess. Whether viewed therefore from the standpoint of revenue or the boon it would confer on the ryots, the scheme was bound to be an advantageous one. He added that, till water was made available, the existing irrigation sources in the taluk should be maintained and kept in proper order.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

**97. *Some suggestions for the improvement of the sanitation of, and affording facilities for agriculture in, certain parts of the Trivandrum taluk.***

*Mr. P. K. Kesava Pillai B. A., B. L.* (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) said that there was a drain running from Putharikandam through Pazhavangadi, Sreekanteswaram, and Vanchiyur to Kannanmula. The major portion of the drain was being issued as a public latrine. The annual repairs consisted in removing the bushes on the two sides of the drain and throwing them into it. The scavengers also used it sometimes for depositing nightsoil. As a result, the drain was in a most insanitary condition. He had learnt that the Government had sanctioned the construction of parapet walls on either side of the drain, but nothing had been done so far. To make matters worse, the gate near the Pillayar Koil leading to the drain collapsed some 18 months back and had not yet been

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repaired. The public had thus free access to the drain and the place was rendered still more insanitary. The Member also presented a memorial on the subject sent to him by the people of the locality and he requested that the drain might be cleaned out and parapet walls constructed on both sides without further loss of time.

The next suggestion was that a dam should be put up in the Mekkepattom Canal so as to divert water to the paddy fields. The Member further requested that the road from the General Hospital to Ooppida Amma Veedu in Sreekanteswaram should be arranged to be lighted and he presented a memorial of the ryots.

He also suggested that a channel be cut from the Cochar to the Manjalliakulam in view to afford facilities for agriculture to the ryots in the Thambanur *Yela*.

*Dewan's reply*.—Noted.

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The consideration of all the subjects being over, *Mr. P. K. Kesava Pillai* (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) spoke as follows :—

"SIR,

On behalf of the Members of this Assembly, I beg to request that you will be pleased to convey to His Highness, Our Most Gracious Maha Raja, the feelings of profound gratitude, deep veneration and genuine loyalty which we and the people of Travancore, whom we represent, feel towards His Highness. No proof is wanted of the hereditary love and devotion of the people of this country for their Sovereign. If any were needed, nothing would better illustrate the feelings of His Highness' people than the unanimous and unbounded enthusiasm with which the Silver Jubilee of His Highness' Beneficent Reign was celebrated by all classes of His Highness' subjects throughout the country. If His Highness' wishes had not been known to enjoin great moderation in the expenditure incurred in the celebration, His Highness' subjects would gladly and voluntarily have raised a magnificent and permanent memorial of His Highness' Illustrious Reign. We fervently pray that His Highness may be blessed with long life, unfailing health and all the happiness that the Almighty can bestow.

This is the fourth occasion on which this Assembly has had the privilege of your guidance and control. We feel that we should be wanting in duty if we did not give clear expression to the high admiration and deep gratitude of the country

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